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1. The only antibiotic being manufactured in Czechoslovakia was penicillin. The plant at Roztoky manufactured penicillin in crystalline form; until early 1952 the crystals were yellow; since that time they have been white. All the penicillin produced at Roztoky was regarded as thermolabile and was always kept under refrigeration. Physicians were allegedly reluctant to use the penicillin produced at Roztoky because it caused pain at the site of injection. The Roztoky plant was not producing 25X1 streptomycin as late as April 1952 although its manufacture was under investigation.

2. In 1941 an opium manufacturing plant was built at Hlohovec [4826N-1748E] near Trnava: it obtained its raw materials from poppies. In addition, six or eight other kinds of raw materials were prepared and sent to Czech firms for incorporation into pharmaceuticals. [REDACTED] 25X1X

3. The Maizena plant is located at Boleraz [4828N-1730E], a town about 15 km from Trnava. It manufactured corn products and sent some of its output to Roztoky. 1

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4. During World War II, the Facet factory in Piestany /4836N-1750E/ manufactured vitamins B and C, iron products, aspirin, calcium, anti-pertussis agents, anti-asthmatics, aluminum acetate, ergot, heparin, and piperazine.

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5. The supply and use of antibiotics was very strictly controlled. Antibiotic reserves of penicillin, streptomycin, chloromycin, and aureomycin,

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25X1 [redacted] were available in Prague in stocks at the State Health Institute (Statny Zdravotny Ustav - SZU) and at its branch institute in Bratislava. A pharmacist, Zuffa (fnu), was in charge of the antibiotic store at Bratislava. One doctor in each hospital was assigned the responsibility for distribution of these drugs. Each section chief had to submit a written request to the responsible doctor for a supply of the antibiotic. Each section had to keep a record of patients receiving the drug and the reasons for the use of the particular antibiotic in preference to other drugs. This record was submitted monthly to the responsible doctor, who, in turn, prepared a report which was forwarded to Zuffa.

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1. [redacted] Comment: It is not clear whether Maizena furnished corn-steep liquor together with other products such as glucose.

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